

## Message Text

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COMUSTDC TAIPEI

S E C R E T TAIPEI 4390

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PLOS, CH, TW, US

SUBJECT: TAIWAN STRAIT: GROC RESTRAINT

REF: (A) TAIPEI 4391, (B) TAIPEI 4392, (C) TAIPEI 4408

1. CHIEF GENERAL STAFF ADMIRAL SOONG CHANG-CHIH HAS INFORMED THE MISSION (IN A JULY 8 LETTER TO COMUSTDC PASS TO THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY) THAT DESPITE "STRICT SELF-RESTRAINT ON THE PART OF THE CAF (CHINESE AIR FORCE) "IN THE PAST," OUR MISGIVINGS ARE THAT IN THE FUTURE AN UNPREDICTED AIR BATTLE CAUSED BY THE CHICOM AF MIGHT HAVE TO OCCUR, SHOULD THIS SITUATION BE KEPT ON. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE STAND, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE GRAVE CONCERN AND ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. AND IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT YOU TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO EASE THE TENSION OF THE TAIWAN STRAIT."

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2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE REQUEST TO "TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO EASE THE TENSION OF THE TAIWAN STRAIT" IS ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE GROC TO GET US TO APPROACH PEKING ON THE MATTER OR AT LEAST TO NEEDLE US ON WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE OUR POLICY OF URGING RESTRAINT ONLY UPON THE ROC.

4. FULL TEXT OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO EA/ROC.  
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